IN THE ABSTRACT:

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A method of initiating services in a telecommunications network is disclosed. At least two control point addresses are set to which a service request is sent. The service request is sent to the address selected on the basis of congestion information and/or the service request sent to the set addresses one at a time. The service request is sent to the control point addresses until the service is initiated at one of the addresses.